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Support for Cyren Call's Proposal to the FCC

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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to express support for the Cyren Call Communications' proposal (FCC RM No. 11348) to build a nationwide, wireless broadband network for public safety. The events of 9/11, hurricanes Katrina and Rita have shown America's First Responders and others; the need and value of data and digital communications, satellite, and IP based technologies.

Nationally, the use of Broadband is very high. Today the public relies on the speed and multiple path opportunities to compete in the global economy. But our own local First Responders are required to rely on narrowband, voice based communications. Voice based communications are invaluable for the safety of our responders, but new technologies that improve safety, flexibility and continuity of efforts are imperative for swift and successful recovery. Those directly involved with protecting our lives and homes deserve sufficient spectrum combined with innovative funding methods to access the most advanced wireless communications services and technologies used every day by businesses, consumers and other countries.

Those of us, who work daily in the 9-1-1 field, are working very hard to modernize our technology in order to respond quickly to local disasters that destroy our land based infrastructure. My own State of Tennessee is committed to a new Statewide Next Generation 9-1-1 system which will benefit from the opportunity of moving information around the State in virtual 9-1-1 centers. The Cyren Call Plan provides further opportunity for the rapid deployment of this in the future.

It is time for the United States to adopt the Cyren Call proposal of a public/private partnership, under the control of public safety built to an all hazards standard that provides the broadband access important to provide safety, security and recovery in today's modern environment. The accessibility to a contiguous 30 MHz block of frequencies in the upper 700 MHz band will never exist again. By licensing this spectrum to a Public Safety Broadband Trust, a next-generation IP-based nationwide wireless network with extensive terrestrial coverage and satellite capabilities - all built to public safety standards and specifications, could be built using private capital. This proposal is not only innovative, but for the first time, cohesively resolves the multitude of problems contributing to public safety's communications problems by joining public and private interests.

I write this letter understanding the last ruling of the Commission, but believing that the leadership of the FCC is invaluable for this proposal to be successful. The First Responders of this great nation need the tools that this proposal will provide to make daily life safe and secure for all of our citizens. Please prioritize public safety by supporting Cyren Call's proposal and creating a Public Safety Broadband Trust.

Sincerely,

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